before it be done Also he hath affability to please all men of service, and severity to make the wicked Irve in fear of him All things that he himself or any man by his direction zaketh in hand prosper or go forward, insomuch that he hath cast the coward out of his army that sometime troubled it -very much, and driven him among the rebels.

February A TREASONABLE PRACTISE IN THE COURT Captain Thomas Lee, one of the Earl of Essex's Irish Captains, has been seized in the palace, and being examined confesseth that he had an intention to have taken the Queen at supper time when she was at supper, and there to have locked the doors, pinning her up till he had forced her to sign a warrant for the Earl's delivery out of the Tower This vile purpose he had akeady broken to Sir Henry Neville and Sir Robert Cross who discovered it Lee was taken this same night watching at the privy chamber door to discover how he might the next day have access

i$tb February PROCEEDINGS IN THE STAR CHAMBER

To-day (being the last Star Chamber day of the term), the Lord Keeper spake of the strangeness of this late action of the Earl of Essex, and of Captain Lee's attempt last night It was noted that though my Lord is usually ready of speech he was in great perturbation and obliged to break off, drowned in tears The Lord Admiral followed, representing the Queen's mag-nanimity in this great danger, so that she could hardly be pre-vented going out against them, to see if ever a rebel of them all durst show their faces against her Sir William Knollys also spoke, and Sir Robert Cecil, who declared that for six years the Earl hath designed to become King of

England, he hath practised upon people of all sorts, with the common people and soldiers, pretending that none care for them but himself

THE EAST INDIA VOYAGE

The ships set forth by the merchants of London at a cost of £72,000 for the East Indies this day departed from Woolwich. Master James Lancaster is appointed General, bearing her Majesty's commission of martial law The ships are the